1790 (400) Jack Morrow Hills CAP Supplemental Draft EIS

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PUBLIC SCOPING NOTICE FOR PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT and COORDINATED ACTIVITY PLAN FOR THE JACK MORROW HILLS AREA SWEETWATER, FREMONT, and SUBLETTE COUNTIES, WYOMING

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites you to participate in the public scoping process for the preparation of a draft supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a final EIS for the Jack Morrow Hills (JMH) Coordinated Activity Plan (CAP). The BLM is requesting your input in identifying resource issues and concerns, management alternatives, or other ideas in determining future land use decisions for the JMH area.

The EIS for the CAP will address specific mineral management issues that were deferred during the development of the Green River Resource Management Plan (GRRMP) and other resource issues that have been identified since the GRRMP was completed in 1997. A draft EIS for the CAP was prepared in June 2000 and distributed for public review. Based on additional resource information and the public comments received, the reformulation of land management alternatives is warranted and will be analyzed in a supplemental draft EIS.

Further information on the JMH area and the background of the planning process for the CAP is attached to this notice. The planning criteria that will be used to guide the identification and development of land management alternatives are also attached to this notice. The BLM also invites your comments on these planning criteria.

In fulfillment of the public participation process under the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the BLM will host two scoping meetings to receive your input. These scoping meetings will be held:

Tuesday, January 8, 2002 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Inn at Lander 260 Grand View Drive Lander, Wyoming Wednesday, January 9, 2002 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Western Wyoming Community College 2500 College Drive, Room 1003 Rock Springs, Wyoming Written comments must be received by the close of the public scoping process, which is January 11, 2002. Comments may be submitted to the following address:

Mail: JMH CAP

BLM Rock Springs Field Office

280 Highway 191 North

Rock Springs, WY 82901-3447

E-mail: JMH CAP@bah.com

The written comments received during the public scoping process may be published as part of the environmental analysis process. After the close of the public scoping period, all comment letters received, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Rock Springs Field Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday (except federal holidays). Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals representing organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

The BLM encourages your participation in this scoping process. Please call Andy Tenney, Assistant Team Leader, at 307-352-0311 to request additional information regarding the scoping meetings or the planning process and criteria.

Sincerely,

/s/ Henry Castillon

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